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RACE OF THE POPULATION
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES

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INTRODUCTION

This bulletin contains particulars of the population of each State and Territory of Australia as at the Census of 30th June, 1961, classified according to race.

The characteristic "Race" refers broadly to the ethnic origin of the person irrespective of where born or of what nationality. For this characteristic the basic data do not permit of scientific classification of ethnic origin and the races are named with a geographical rather than a truly ethnological description. Thus "Indian" refers to the ethnic types normally to be found in India. In other words, each racial group described in this fashion is a mixed group when viewed in the light of the hypothetical genetic types from which it is derived. The limitations imposed by the practical need to present the Non-European races by their commonly recognized rather than their scientific groupings are further complicated by the necessity of combining as one group all persons of European origin. Census statistics of "Race", cannot, therefore, answer fully the questions which interest the anthropologist and ethnologist, but they do possess utility for governmental administration and other practical purposes.

There were 41,580 persons of full-blood Non-European race and 47,845 persons of half European - half Non-European race recorded in Australia at the Census. The numbers of these born in and born outside Australia were as follows:-

PERSONS OF NON-EUROPEAN RACE BORN IN AND BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA : CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961

Birthplace	Non-European Race			Persons of Half European and Half Non-European Race		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
In Australia	7,852	7,436	15,288	23,332	22,981	46,313
Outside Australia	19,414	6,878	26,292	801	731	1,532
Total	27,266	14,314	41,580	24,133	23,712	47,845

The Australian Census is on a de facto basis, i.e. it enumerates persons in the country, whether permanently or temporarily, at the time of the Census. Persons enumerated thus include crews of vessels in port or on the Australian coast, and business men, students and others whose residence in Australia is of a temporary nature. These categories of persons are reflected in the statistics of period of residence in Australia of persons of Non-European race born outside Australia, as shown in the following table:-

PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA OF PERSONS OF NON-EUROPEAN RACE BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA : CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961

Period of Residence in Australia (Years)	Non-European Race			Persons of Half European and Half Non-European Race		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	5,775	1,232	7,007	144	136	280
1 and under 2	1,643	760	2,403	83	82	165
2 " " 3	1,557	739	2,296	62	69	131
3 " " 4	1,287	610	1,897	50	49	99
4 " " 5	1,064	436	1,500	33	32	65
5 " " 6	994	458	1,452	32	45	77
6 " " 7	451	294	745	37	31	68
7 " " 14	2,812	1,314	4,126	193	155	348
14 " " 21	785	328	1,113	65	61	126
21 and over	1,578	489	2,067	67	37	104
Not Stated	1,468	218	1,686	35	34	69
Total	19,414	6,878	26,292	801	731	1,532

In the general presentation of population statistics derived from the Census full-blood Australian Aborigines are excluded because the Commonwealth Constitution (Section 127) provides that "In reckoning the numbers of the people

of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives shall not be counted". Consequently they are excluded from Tables 1 and 2 of this bulletin. However, at the Census of 1961, as at previous Censuses, collectors were instructed to ascertain as fully as possible, by means of the ordinary schedule, detailed information concerning full-blood Australian Aborigines who were either in employment, or living on reserves, camps, etc. in proximity to settlements. Details of the number of full-blood Aborigines excluded from the results of the 1961 Census were first published in Census Bulletin No. 23 issued on 28th November, 1962. These have been repeated in the present bulletin for convenience of those wishing to find data for both full-blood Aborigines and persons of half European blood and half Aboriginal blood in the one publication.

In accordance with standard practice, Census particulars were not required of diplomatic representatives of foreign governments and the High Commissioners representing the governments of the member countries of the Commonwealth of Nations, with their families and staffs. The greater proportion of these persons were in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, where the number of persons excluded from the 1961 Census was approximately 800.

Detailed tabulations relating to race will be published in the final printed Detailed Tables of the 1961 Census.

A list of 1961 Census publications already issued appears at the end of this bulletin.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIA : POPULATION ACCORDING TO RACE, CENSUSES 30TH JUNE, 1954 AND 1961
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Race	CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954			CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
EUROPEAN	4,508,795	4,412,896	8,921,691	5,260,853	5,157,908	10,418,761
NON-EUROPEAN -						
Afghan	73	25	98	63	36	99
African n.e.i.	52	5	57	65	19	84
Arab, Persian	201	70	271	333	222	555
Asiatic Jew	42	27	69	53	48	101
Asiatic n.e.i.	733	169	902	793	325	1,118
Chinese	9,150	3,728	12,878	14,237	6,145	20,382
Cingalese, Burgher, Tamil	196	72	268	384	279	663
Egyptian	30	31	61	42	34	76
Fijian	51	13	64	100	38	138
Filipino	127	100	227	169	128	297
Indian, Pakistani	1,892	317	2,209	2,937	595	3,532
Japanese	247	292	539	949	769	1,718
Javanese, Indonesian, Timorese, etc.	312	36	348	449	90	539
Malay	534	251	785	717	346	1,063
Maori	57	29	86	102	92	194
Negro	56	13	69	106	26	132
Pacific Islander n.e.i.(a)	934	764	1,698	1,158	1,028	2,186
Papuan, New Guinean	28	8	36	72	58	130
Siamese, Thailander	163	60	223	180	60	240
Syrian, Lebanese	1,374	916	2,290	1,834	1,407	3,241
Torres Strait Islander	2,043	2,210	4,253	2,446	2,526	4,972
Other and Indefinite	37	18	55	77	43	120
Total Non-European	18,332	9,154	27,486	27,266	14,314	41,580
EUROPEAN AND - (b)						
Afghan	69	47	116	56	62	118
African n.e.i.	11	4	15	8	13	21
Arab, Persian	18	12	30	23	18	41
Asiatic Jew	11	3	14	4	9	13
Asiatic n.e.i.	60	52	112	111	117	228
Australian Aboriginal	15,849	15,510	31,359	19,713	19,459	39,172
Chinese	1,404	1,276	2,680	1,648	1,538	3,186
Cingalese, Burgher, Tamil	58	65	123	124	104	228
Egyptian	4	7	11	11	16	27
Fijian	15	20	35	21	22	43
Filipino	101	100	201	176	220	396
Indian, Pakistani	259	179	438	293	240	533
Japanese	114	132	246	497	456	953
Javanese, Indonesian, Timorese, etc.	12	21	33	71	68	139
Malay	214	235	449	313	329	642
Maori	89	82	171	126	129	255
Negro	77	58	135	60	59	119
Pacific Islander n.e.i.(a)	257	257	514	367	362	729
Papuan, New Guinean	10	7	17	33	43	76
Siamese, Thailander	25	18	43	17	19	36
Syrian, Lebanese	103	96	199	108	108	216
Torres Strait Islander	60	49	109	134	111	245
Other and Indefinite	171	132	303	219	210	429
Total European/Other Races (b)	18,991	18,362	37,353	24,133	23,712	47,845
Total Non-European and European/Other Races	37,323	27,516	64,839	51,399	38,026	89,425
GRAND TOTAL	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	5,312,252	5,195,934	10,508,186

(a) Includes Pacific Islander, Polynesian and South Sea Islander, so described. (b) This category covers persons with European blood to the extent of one-half and blood of a Non-European race to the extent of one-half.

n.e.i. - not elsewhere included.

(continued) TABLE 2. - AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES : POPULATION ACCORDING TO RACE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Race	New South Wales		Victoria		Queensland		South Australia		Western Australia		Tasmania		Northern Territory		Australian Capital Territory		Australia	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
EUROPEAN	1,953,106	1,930,735	1,467,484	1,451,958	761,026	731,888	487,548	477,353	369,431	356,403	177,310	172,551	14,372	9,227	30,576	27,793	5,260,653	5,157,908
NON-EUROPEAN -																		
Afghan	8	1	10	3	20	18	17	10	..	..	..	..	8	4	..	..	63	36
African, n.e.i.	26	4	17	11	4	1	6	3	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	65	19
Arab, Persian	219	150	70	53	7	4	14	11	20	3	1	..	1	..	1	1	333	222
Asiatic Jew	36	26	12	15	2	1	1	..	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	48
Asiatic n.e.i.	291	148	144	85	68	24	104	26	149	21	7	3	4	1	26	17	793	325
Chinese	7,059	3,266	3,710	1,389	1,726	886	454	108	793	197	196	73	250	208	49	18	14,237	6,145
Cingalese, Burgher, Tamil	59	40	155	116	87	58	14	19	56	42	2	..	3	2	8	2	384	279
Egyptian	15	15	19	10	1	..	..	1	5	8	..	..	2	..	..	..	42	34
Fijian	31	16	34	5	25	10	..	..	1	..	2	..	6	7	1	..	100	38
Filipino	42	26	26	28	66	47	2	3	7	4	2	..	1	19	1	..	169	128
Indian, Pakistani	1,733	308	494	76	315	132	202	25	124	32	37	12	8	2	24	8	2,937	595
Japanese	320	319	195	218	58	116	99	39	164	34	5	10	95	17	13	16	949	769
Javanese, Indonesian, Timorese, etc.	229	31	92	20	29	2	24	5	32	8	4	..	16	4	23	20	449	90
Malay	84	20	135	35	245	234	35	7	184	29	4	..	28	18	2	3	717	346
Maori	39	50	12	18	42	20	2	..	3	..	2	3	1	1	1	..	102	92
Negro	31	18	19	3	16	2	33	1	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	26
Pacific Islander n.e.i. (a)	109	87	18	22	1,013	912	10	..	1	4	1	1	3	1	3	1	1,158	1,028
Papuan, New Guinean	17	23	3	1	52	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	58
Siamese, Thailander	60	16	66	27	13	3	11	1	19	6	1	..	..	..	10	6	180	60
Syrian, Lebanese	1,417	1,063	233	157	109	115	65	66	6	4	3	1	..	1	1	..	1,834	1,407
Torres Strait Islander	2	..	..	..	2,444	2,526	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,446	2,526
Other and Indefinite	33	14	14	4	21	16	2	2	5	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	77	43
Total Non-European	11,860	5,641	5,478	2,296	6,363	5,161	1,095	327	1,589	400	268	105	450	292	163	92	27,266	14,314

(a) Includes Pacific Islander, Polynesian and South Sea Islander, so described.

n.e.i. - not elsewhere included.

TABLE 2. - AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES : POPULATION ACCORDING TO RACE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961 (continued)
(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

Race	New South Wales		Victoria		Queensland		South Australia		Western Australia		Tasmania		Northern Territory		Australian Capital Territory		Australia	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
EUROPEAN AND - (b)																		
Afghan	4	11	3	2	16	13	21	21	2	3	..	..	10	12	..	..	56	62
African, n.e.i.	3	6	1	6	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	13
Arab, Persian	12	7	9	5	1	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	18
Asiatic Jew	4	3	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9
Asiatic n.e.i.	33	39	9	7	15	14	2	1	46	53	2	2	2	..	2	1	111	117
Australian																		
Aboriginal	6,703	6,525	758	785	5,460	5,550	1,426	1,311	4,108	4,047	24	14	1,156	1,162	78	65	19,713	19,459
Chinese	578	551	343	347	526	466	37	15	70	77	9	11	69	69	16	2	1,648	1,538
Cingalese, Burgher,																		
Tamil	19	11	22	21	56	61	3	3	17	..	..	..	5	8	2	..	124	104
Egyptian	6	7	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	11	16
Fijian	16	12	..	..	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	22
Filipino	6	9	6	6	82	122	6	4	6	26	1	3	69	49	..	1	176	220
Indian, Pakistani	82	74	45	47	101	56	12	16	40	33	6	7	5	4	2	3	293	240
Japanese	158	146	130	120	105	88	40	33	40	43	5	12	4	6	15	8	497	456
Javanese, Indonesian,																		
Timorese, etc.	9	8	19	26	23	20	..	1	10	5	..	1	9	6	1	1	71	68
Malay	22	21	14	13	194	212	1	2	36	36	..	1	46	44	..	..	313	329
Maori	45	60	20	22	47	39	9	4	3	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	126	129
Negro	27	25	8	6	22	26	1	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	60	59
Pacific Islander																		
n.e.i. (a)	84	91	5	4	273	264	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	367	362
Papuan, New Guinean	12	21	..	3	21	18	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	43
Siamese, Thailander	8	7	7	3	..	2	..	..	2	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	17	19
Syrian, Lebanese	66	66	11	15	13	13	17	13	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	108
Torres Strait																		
Islander	1	1	..	..	129	108	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	134	111
Other and Indefinite	45	27	22	22	98	114	4	6	44	33	..	..	4	8	2	..	219	210
Total European/ Other Races (b)	7,943	7,728	1,433	1,464	7,190	7,200	1,582	1,435	4,432	4,374	50	56	1,384	1,370	119	85	24,133	23,712
Total Non-European and European/Other Races	19,803	13,369	6,911	3,760	13,553	12,361	2,677	1,762	6,021	4,774	318	161	1,834	1,662	282	177	51,399	38,026
GRAND TOTAL	1,972,909	1,944,104	1,474,395	1,455,718	774,579	744,249	490,225	479,115	375,452	361,177	177,628	172,712	16,206	10,889	30,858	27,970	5,312,252	5,195,934

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TABLE 3. - AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES : FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINAL
POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961

STATE or TERRITORY	Number of Full-blood Aboriginals Enumerated at Census, 30th June, 1961			Estimated Number of Full-blood Aboriginals out of Contact at Census	Total Number of Full-blood Aboriginal as Recorded or Estimated at 30th June, 1961
	Males	Females	Persons		
New South Wales	791	697	1,488	..	1,488
Victoria	141	112	253	..	253
Queensland	4,686	4,000	8,686	..	8,686
South Australia	1,181	966	2,147	..	2,147
Western Australia	4,243	3,878	8,121	2,000	10,121
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	..
Northern Territory	7,857	7,585	15,442	1,944	17,386
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA	18,899	17,238	36,137	3,944	40,081

LIST OF 1961 CENSUS PUBLICATIONS ISSUED TO DATE

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Census Bulletins -	
Nos. 1, 3-18, 20, 21, 24. Summary of Population and Dwellings, States and Territories	17th Jan., 1962 to 8th Jan., 1962
No. 2. (Revised) Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas (Final Figures)	6th Dec., 1962
No. 19. Occupied Dwellings According to Class in Local Government Areas and Non-municipal Towns	7th Sept., 1962
No. 22. Summary of Dwellings for Australia	18th Oct., 1962
No. 23. Summary of Population for Australia	28th Nov., 1962
No. 25. Ages of the Population (Single Years and Five-Year Groups)	9th April, 1963
No. 26. Density of Population and Occupied Dwellings in Local Government Areas and Non-municipal Towns	22nd April, 1963
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No. 30. Summary of Population and Dwellings for Tropical Australia	12th Sept., 1963
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No. 35. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Facilities : Local Government Areas and Non-municipal Towns	16th Sept., 1964
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III. - Queensland:	
Part I. - Analysis of Population in Local Government Areas, etc.	21st Jan., 1964
Part III. - Analysis of Dwellings in Local Government Areas, etc.	1st April, 1963
Part V. - Population and Dwellings in Localities	11th Sept., 1963
IV. - South Australia:	
Part I. - Analysis of Population in Local Government Areas, etc.	18th Dec., 1963
Part III. - Analysis of Dwellings in Local Government Areas, etc.	25th June, 1963
Part V. - Population and Dwellings in Localities	31st Jan., 1963
V. - Western Australia:	
Part I. - Analysis of Population in Local Government Areas, etc.	2nd May, 1963
Part III. - Analysis of Dwellings in Local Government Areas, etc.	21st Jan., 1963
Part V. - Population and Dwellings in Localities	16th Jan., 1963
VI. - Tasmania:	
Part I. - Analysis of Population in Local Government Areas, etc.	5th April, 1963
Part III. - Analysis of Dwellings in Local Government Areas, etc.	17th Oct., 1962
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